

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

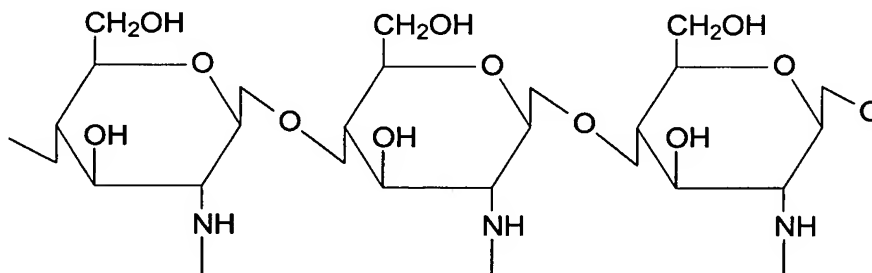
Please amend the claims as follows. A complete listing of claims in the above-identified application is shown below.

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of treating oversprayed waterborne and solventborne paint particles in a paint spray booth including a circulating water system, said method comprising ~~contacted~~ contacting said oversprayed paint particles ~~with a water system including~~ with an aqueous composition circulating through the water system, wherein the aqueous composition contains a liquid concentrate composition, said liquid concentrate composition comprising:

(a) 2 to 40 percent by weight of a complex metal salt capable of flocculating the oversprayed paint;

(b) 0.1 to 10 percent by weight ~~an aqueous solution of a compound having the following structure:~~



provided in an aqueous solution having a viscosity of from about 200 to 3000 centipoise;

(c) acid rendering the compound soluble in water; and

(d) water; wherein the liquid concentrate composition is provided in an amount of 0.01 to 10 percent by volume of water circulating through the water system ~~a complex metal salt.~~

16. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 15, wherein said ~~aqueous solution of said compound comprises an aqueous solution of~~ chitosan.

17. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 15, wherein said aqueous composition detackifies and flocculates said oversprayed paint particles.

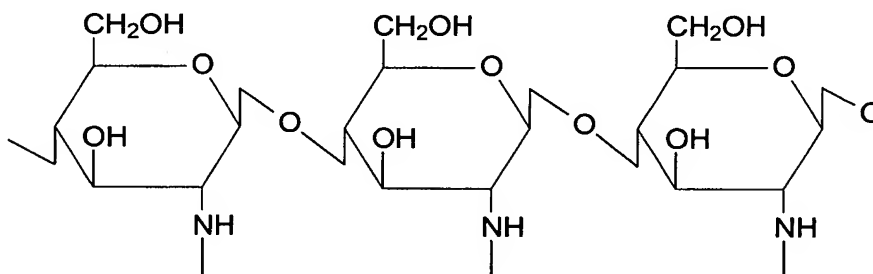
18. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim ~~15~~ 17, further comprising the step of separating ~~said~~ flocculated oversprayed paint particles from said water system.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of treating oversprayed waterborne and solventborne paint in a paint spray booth including a circulating water solvent-based paint denaturant system, said method comprising:

(1) contacting said oversprayed paint with a dispersion circulating though the water system, wherein the dispersion includes (i) of an organic solvent component in water and (ii) including an aqueous composition containing a liquid concentrate composition, said liquid concentrate composition comprising:

(a) 2 to 40 percent by weight of a complex metal salt capable of flocculating the oversprayed paint;

(b) 0.1 to 10 percent by weight an aqueous solution of a compound having the following structure:



provided in an aqueous solution having a viscosity of from about 200 to 3000 centipoise;

(c) acid rendering the compound soluble in water; and

(d) water; wherein the liquid concentrate composition is provided in an amount of 0.01 to 10 percent by volume of water circulating through the water system; and a complex metal salt, thereby flocculating collecting said oversprayed paint;

(2) causing the dispersion to phase separate into an organic phase containing paint overspray and an aqueous phase; and

(3) separating the organic phase from the aqueous phase.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) A method as in claim 19, wherein said complex metal salt is selected from the group consisting of aluminum chlorohydrate, aluminum sulfate, zinc chloride, ferric chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium hydroxide, and mixtures thereof.

22. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, wherein said ~~aqueous solution of said compound~~ comprises ~~an aqueous solution of~~ chitosan.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, wherein said liquid concentrate composition further comprises ~~comprising~~ bentonite clay.